

*Amendments to the Specification*

Please substitute the following Abstract for the pending Abstract:

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A pair of supported portions are provided in a bifurcated manner on the base end of the boom of a work machine, and the supported portions are respectively pivoted on a pair of boom supporting portion provided on an upper end of a boom bracket, and a hose guide is fixed on an upper end of a swing pin for pivoting the boom bracket on a turntable. Operation oil hoses for an arm cylinder and operation oil hoses for a bucket cylinder are guided and piped into the boom from between both the supported portions. A hose guide hole is provided below each of the boom support portions so that operation oil hoses for the boom cylinder are inserted into the respective hose guide holes. At an intermediate portion of the rear surface of the boom, the operation oil hoses are taken out from the inside of the boom through a hose attachment plate and [is] connected to [a] respective external hoses connected to the arm cylinder. At a tip end of the boom, the operation oil hoses are pulled out from the inside of the boom through a rear side inclined surface of an angle rib so as to be connected to respective external hoses in connection with the bucket cylinder.

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